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By Erin Logan



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Ron Paul finds support in a variety of countries other than US



Saif Alazemi

As an international student in the United States, I was really at a loss when I observed how the traditional American media was able to ignore presidential candidate Ron Paul. The reason I was confused is because this candidate has a great international acceptance, worldwide, for his America-first foreign policy.

Personally, I believe that Ron Paul is the right politician to regain America's respectable image in the international community. Ron Paul's growing national support is increasingly noticed through new and social media and his growing military and online campaign donations are good indicators to prove the increasing national support of the candidate.

During Christmas break, I was back in Kuwait and Egypt, the two countries I have ties to, and while I was there I got into many conversations and heard many opinions about American involvement in the Arab world. Similarities between most of what I have heard were about the growing hatred against American policies. However, whenever Ron Paul and his views were brought up in discussions, people immediately shone with hope.

According to the Daily Paul website, Ron Paul has support groups, held by activists, in many countries. The last one I came across was a New Zealand-based website for Ron Paul supporters, and I believe that there are a large number of support groups in the Arab world. However, due to the current instability, people are less likely to organize meetings to support Ron Paul despite the number of his supporters.

In his famous "What if?" speech on Feb. 12, 2009, Ron Paul addressed the actual reasons for the terrorist attacks and the growing hatred against American policies. Ron Paul's

point was that American involvement in other countries triggered the hatred against American policies. CIA reports about the causes of the 9/11 attacks support Ron Paul's argument and his discussion of the resulting blowback. In a TV interview, former CIA Bin Laden Unit chief Michael Scheuer explained the blowback, blaming the Americas' foreign policy for the existence of terrorist movements.

I truly support this point of view because if you compare the United States' foreign policy with other policies of great powers, the American foreign policy will be the most disputed. The growing hatred is accompanied with more negativity, like the loss of the lives of civilians and American soldiers.

Something else to consider is the economic damage and wasted taxpayers' money, which doesn't seem to be serving the American people. However, it seems to benefit personal interest for contractors and oil companies, at least financially. Moreover, the defense budget and funding wars are the biggest portions of the American federal budget, which Ron Paul views as a crucial factor contributing to the budget's deficit.

A good portion of what America is going through today is a result of the intrusive foreign policy, especially in a time of economic deficit. If the country adopted a less intrusive foreign policy, the military spending would be much less with the ending of wars, helping decrease the deficit in budget.

In addition, a less intrusive foreign policy would mean a decrease in hatred against American policies. Subsequently, politicians wouldn't be able to pass laws that allow the authorities to intrude on the American people's personal liberties under the umbrella of preventing terrorism. A different way to illustrate this idea is to think of what potential benefits Americans could gain from having a surplus in budget, which could be used to lower taxes and create better health care and educational systems.

However, what isn't changing is that the candidates are neglecting the advice of the founding fathers to have a less interventionist foreign policy in addition to CIA reports regarding the negatives of this type of policy. For example, most of the presidential candidates are talking about more involvement in other countries and further

destruction of what is left of America's economy.

I sincerely believe that Ron Paul is a knowledgeable person in terms of foreign policy, but most importantly, he is a genuine constitutionalist. The Constitution of the United States never implied that the country should operate as an empire.

Ron Paul understands

the country was established upon the constitutional ideas left behind by the American founding fathers. As an admirer of the true essences of the American nation, I hope that someone like Ron Paul will be elected as a president.

Finally, I think that a candidate with Ron Paul's insights and integrity will be crucial in leading

America through this hard time. In addition, Ron Paul's ideas will save America's image as well as save lives, the resources of the American people and, most importantly, restore respect to the Constitution.

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Illustration by Erin Logan

High price of healthy foods costly for budget shoppers



Kaylea Pallister

Grocery shopping is depressing. Walking in, the automatic doors whoosh shut behind you. You're met with long lines of people with teeming carts of food as cashiers struggle to scan and bag it all so the customers can drive home and start hungrily consuming.

The beeping of scanned barcodes fills the air as you look down at your grocery list, sigh and wonder how much money you'll end up spending this time.

Maybe you're a college student with a part-time job, student loans and monthly rent, so grocery money is always tight, but that's also the case with so many other grocery shoppers. The young couple with a toddler and a newborn, the retired grandparents who live with their children and grandchildren, single moms and dads and so many other people working ridiculously hard to make ends meet.

They all come to the grocery store to stock up for the next day's meal, or the next week's or month's, with the same goal in mind: providing tasty and, hopefully, nutritionally adequate food for themselves or their families.

You, the customer on a budget, wheel the cart down the aisle toward the produce department, conveniently located at the front of the store so as to entice shoppers with delicious fruit and leafy greens. Cartons of strawberries fill one cooler; fresh lettuce, spinach and carrots spill out of another. Stacks of gleaming apples are piled high.

But then you notice the prices. Apples are \$2 to \$3 a pound? Grapes are \$2.99? A single-serving container of spinach is more than \$2? And heaven forbid I'd want to buy something like a pomegranate or an avocado, often between \$2 and \$3 apiece.

I'll just grab a banana or two, an apple and maybe a tiny bag of tossed salad and see what's for sale in the frozen food aisle, you think. I know frozen pizzas are only a dollar or two, and I'll pick up some ramen noodles and some canned soup on the way over.

Sure, you'll save money that way, stocking up on conveniently pre-cooked and pre-packaged food, but where are the whole grains, fresh fruits and veggies?



Illustration by Parker Wilhelm

What kind of nutrition are you actually getting for your money?

Well, the ramen noodles gave you sodium, and a lot of it. According to a March 15, 2011, *livestrong.com* article by Jackie Lohrey, one packet, or two servings, of ramen noodles delivers

64 percent of the recommended daily allowance of sodium. And think about the last time you actually saw someone break the ramen in half before eating it.

That's 1,560 milligrams of sodium and 380 calories. Ramen may only cost around 15 cents per package, but is it

worth it?

The same article states that too much sodium overloads the kidneys and can contribute to high blood pressure. That, plus the 70 calories of saturated fat if you consume the whole package, makes ramen seem pretty unappetizing as a staple grocery store purchase.

Alternatively, although perhaps costing you almost a dollar versus the 15 cents for ramen, apples provide excellent nutrition. A Sept. 9, 2011, article by Erin Whitney-Chavez, also on *livestrong.com*, states a medium raw apple with skin is only about 72 calories, 3 to 5 grams of fiber, no added sodium and, best of all, calcium and vitamins A, C and E.

But, when faced with the choice of spending 15 cents versus nearly a dollar for an apple that's only going to fill you up for an hour or so, it's pretty obvious which purchase will be made when money's tight.

And that is precisely where I think we have a problem.

Heart disease leads the nation as a yearly cause of death, and one of the contributors to heart failure is high blood pressure, which has also been linked with excess sodium consumption. A Feb. 1 NY Daily News article by Katie Charles states that heart failure, like other heart problems, can stem from other conditions, including high blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes and obesity.

While an individual may have a hereditary predisposition for those conditions, it seems to me as though healthier lifestyles could reduce the risk of heart disease and its precursors in many people. However, for those living below the poverty line or barely making enough to support themselves or their families, buying enough, or any, healthy food simply isn't an option.

I don't know what needs to happen in the world for the price of fresh produce and whole foods to go down, perhaps the government could increase subsidies for fruits and vegetable, but I believe that the change in our nation's health would be extreme. If a fresh salad, a bowl of fruit and orange juice cost as much at a restaurant as a quarter-pounder, fries and a soda, imagine how much easier it would be to make healthy choices on a budget.

Especially given the current economic situation, people simply can't eat as healthily as they should be able to living paycheck to paycheck. People simply shouldn't have to be rich to eat well.

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TO THE POINT

Program provides valuable experiences

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Organizations like Teach for America provide students with excellent options after graduation, not only in terms of helping students gain experience relevant to their fields, but also as a way to grow as a person in a variety of areas. One of the beneficial aspects of Teach for America is that the organization allows students to participate in a service opportunity that simultaneously benefits themselves and the community in which they teach. For many people, these types of opportunities can be eye-opening as well, as those involved with Teach for America are placed in inner-city schools, rural schools or anywhere in need of staff. Those who grew up in rural Kansas, for instance, could gain the experience of living and working in a large city. The individuals in Teach for America also receive a break from the normalcy of school and work while learning transferable skills and building their resumes. Similar to an internship, Teach for America provides experience and skills beneficial to a future career, but the organization also provides a stipend, so the teachers do not have to come up with funds to support themselves. Additionally, service opportunities and organizations like Teach for America provide an alternative employment option for recent college graduates - an attractive choice in the current competitive job market. The lending of service and skills to organizations like Teach for America also fulfills a sense of civic duty. With the education we receive, we are empowering ourselves and we can all give back to our own community and the communities of others.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

K-State looks to rebound against Texas A&M after loss at home

Wildcats will travel to College Station, Texas for the final time before Aggies depart for the Southeastern Conference next season

Jared Brown
staff writer

After what head coach Frank Martin called a “disappointing loss” by an “immature team” against the Iowa State Cyclones on Saturday, K-State hits the hardwood again Wednesday hoping to rebound with a win against Texas A&M in College Station, Texas.

Martin has been consistent in stating the Wildcats need to “stay the course” this season. On Wednesday, they will try to return to their winning ways and avoid losing two straight games.

The Wildcats are 2-6 all-time against the Aggies in games played in College Station. However, they have an overall advantage in the series as K-State is 16-7 against the Aggies all-time.

On Feb. 4, the first time the Wildcats faced the Aggies this season, sophomore guard Will Spradling led the way for K-State, connecting on four 3-pointers en route to scoring a game-high 19 points as the Wildcats took down Texas A&M 64-53. Freshman guard Angel Rodriguez also had a solid game offensively for K-State, adding 13 points.

In that first meeting, the Aggies’ junior guard Elston Turner put up 18 points and junior guard Naji Hibbert added a season-high 14 points.

That game was at home in the friendly confines of Bramlage Coliseum, but this time the Wildcats will leave Manhattan and travel to College Station for the rematch against the Aggies.

Texas A&M (13-15, 4-12 Big 12 Conference) has lost its last three games, but the players will be looking to show why the coaches picked them in the preseason to finish in a first-place tie with Kansas for the Big 12 crown.

The Aggies will be playing for more than just a victory against the Wildcats. Wednesday night is Senior Day in College Station and the Aggies will say farewell to five seniors, two of which are guard Dash Harris and forward David Loubeau, both key players.

If something good can come from the K-State (19-9, 8-8 Big 12) loss at home to the Cyclones this past Saturday, it is the much improved play of junior forward Jordan Henriquez. Against



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Junior Guard, **Rodney McGruder** sneaks around **Chris Babb** for a layup. McGruder finished the game with 13 points.

the Cyclones, Henriquez nearly had a triple-double as he scored a season-high 19 points, grabbed 12 rebounds and added seven blocks.

“He has been great lately,” said Martin of Henriquez after Saturday’s loss to Iowa State. “I think there is a reason that he is as engaged as he is right now. He pro-

fects the rim.”

Henriquez’s performance even had Iowa State head coach Fred Hoiberg noticing his improved play on the court.

“He is a difference maker under the rim,” Hoiberg said. “It is hard to get into the paint. He is such a difference maker there by the

rim. Jordan is a phenomenal player.”

Junior guard Rodney McGruder also recorded his third double-double of the season Saturday against Iowa State as he scored 13 points and brought down 11 rebounds.

The Wildcats will look to build on a historical trend

of success in the month of February, as the Wildcats are 27-11 (.711) under head coach Frank Martin.

K-State currently sits in fifth place in the Big 12 Conference standings and needs to win its last two games to prove that it belongs in the NCAA tournament. The Wildcats also need to stay

in the top six of the conference to avoid playing on the first day of the Big 12 tournament.

The teams will face off for the last time as conference foes, as the Aggies head to the Southeastern Conference in 2012-13. Tipoff is set for 6 p.m., and the game will be broadcast on ESPN2.

WOMEN'S GOLF

Wildcats place fourth overall in Westbrook Spring Invitational

Christopher Sourk
contributing writer

Editor's Note: This article was completed as an assignment for a class in the A.Q. Miller School of Journalism and Mass Communications.

The K-State women’s golf team traveled to Peoria, Ariz., to compete in the Westbrook Spring Invitational on Sunday and Monday, which was hosted by the University of Wisconsin. The invitational kicked off the team’s spring slate in which the team will go to five tournaments before the Big 12 Championships.

The Wildcats finished the tournament placing fourth as a team with a score of 10-over-par 874. After the first two rounds on Sunday, the Wildcats were in sixth place as a team, trailing fourth place Indiana by five strokes and fifth place Iowa by two strokes.

Led by a 2-under-par 70 from sophomore Gianna Misenhelter, the team sought par for the

“We had team scores ranging from 70-74 in the third round, which is very solid. I am extremely proud of all of our ladies today.”

Kristi Knight
head coach

final round, as they were able to ascend to fourth on the team leader board. Misenhelter finished as the top individual on the team for the tournament, in a tie for seventh place overall.

“We moved up to fourth place in the tournament, which is a great way to start the

season,” said head coach Kristi Knight. “We had team scores ranging from 70-74 in the third round, which is very solid. I am extremely proud of all of our ladies today.”

Junior Hanna Roos shot a 1-over-par 217 for the tournament, which was good enough for her to finish in a tie for 12th. Junior Whitney Pyle finished with a 2-over-par 218 for the tournament and finished in a tie for 16th.

Coach Knight offered some insight on sustaining this success throughout the spring campaign.

“The biggest key is playing with composure and realizing that golf gives you a different game every day,” she said. “It’s about trusting your instincts and keeping composure.”

The Wildcats will look to improve upon this weekend as they travel to Miami, Fla. for the Hurricane Invitational on March 5-6.

Two-minute drill

Corbin McGuire
staff writer

MLB

The Washington Nationals and Ryan Zimmerman agreed to a six-year, \$100 million extension on Sunday, baseball sources told Buster Olney of ESPN The Magazine.

The third baseman also received a complete no-trade clause from the team he’s played all seven seasons with in the majors.

The Nationals announced that Zimmerman had signed an extension Sunday afternoon but failed to communicate the financial details of the extension.

Zimmerman ranks second among all third baseman in baseball in annual salary with an average annual value of \$16.7 million. Only the New York Yankees’ Alex Rodriguez earns more, with an average annual salary of \$27.5 million.

Zimmerman’s current contract would have expired

after the 2013 season but the extension, which also includes a seventh-year option, could keep Zimmerman on the Nationals roster through the 2020 season.

NFL

Heisman Trophy winner Robert Griffin III continued to impress scouts on Sunday as he ran the fastest 40-yard dash by a quarterback at this year’s NFL scouting combine with an official time of 4.41 seconds.

Griffin’s two-run unofficial average was 4.38 seconds and the likely No. 1 pick in the draft, Andrew Luck, clocked an official time of 4.67 seconds.

Griffin became only the second quarterback, the other being Michael Vick, to run faster than 4.4 at the combine, according to ESPN Scouts Inc.’s Steve Muench.

Luck shined in other areas as well, jumping 10-feet-4-inches in the broad jump and 36 inches in the vertical jump. Griffin topped Luck

in the vertical jump with a 39-inch vertical but came up short on broad jump with a 10-foot jump.

Both quarterbacks skipped Sunday’s throwing drills as expected and will instead show off their throwing abilities with familiar receivers in a well-known environment during Pro Day workouts.

NBA

The Los Angeles Lakers announced via the team’s website that their star guard Kobe Bryant suffered a nasal fracture during Sunday’s NBA All-Star Game.

The injury happened when Bryant was hit with a rough foul from Miami Heat star Dwyane Wade. He stayed the game at first but left later to be evaluated and a CT scan revealed a broken nose.

Bryant is to be re-evaluated by ear, nose and throat specialist Dr. John Rehm today when he returns to Los Angeles.

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TEACH | Certain degree not required

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the most teachers to the organization.

K-State has also had a history of providing the organization with teachers — 30 since Teach for America began in 1990 and three from last year.

Nacole Boan graduated from K-State in 2006 with a degree in political science and history then worked in the private sector for a year before joining Teach for America in Houston, Texas. She stayed with the program for three years.

"I can't describe how rewarding it is," Boan said. "It is also incredibly challenging. That experience requires 100 percent of yourself, of your mental capacity and your energy."

Joining the program is a two-year commitment with the option of staying on longer, and because Teach for America is part of AmeriCorps - a national organization that facilitates service opportunities — student loans are put into forbearance for the duration of teaching with the program. When student loans are put into forbearance, they do not col-

lect interest and payments do not have to be made.

The teachers are also given an AmeriCorps award at the end of each year. The award currently sits at just more than \$5,000 and can be used toward student loans, which means a two-year commitment to Teach for America can knock \$10,000 off of student loan debt.

Baum, who was a teacher in the program himself before working full time for the organization, is now responsible for traveling between the University of Missouri, the University of Kansas and K-State as well as a handful of smaller colleges in the Kansas City area. Baum is responsible for spreading the word about the Teach for America mission.

An education degree is not required to work for Teach for America. The teachers come from a wide variety of undergraduate programs, but the main quality the organization looks for is strong leadership ability.

"We actually look at each individual application and look to see if they have the skill set that they would need to be able to teach in the classrooms," Baum said. "There are no 'it must look

like this on the resume' type rules. First, we're looking for the leadership skill set itself, regardless of where the student has developed it. The second thing we're looking for is a passionate desire to be part of this solution."

Baum and Boan both described how much of an impact working at Teach for America made on their lives. The experience changed career paths for both of them and altered their perceptions of education.

"Once I became involved and invested into their lives and their opportunities," Baum said. "I just got completely sucked into it and there was no way I could imagine doing anything that wasn't directly advocating for them or making sure they got the opportunities I know they deserve."

Boan agreed, adding that she thought the program was a powerful method to reach children of all backgrounds.

"One of the things that I learned in the environment of Teach for America is that there is a way to reach every single child and find their motivation if the person standing at the front of the room is willing to put in that time and effort," Boan said.

SOCIAL MEDIA | Websites keep people connected, express voice

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"We use social media to let people outside of the university know what's going on," she said.

Research and Extension mainly uses Twitter and Facebook for communication with students, faculty, alumni, county extension offices and as a information source for other agriculture news publications.

Edwards says they began using Twitter about four years ago and their Facebook page was started three years ago. She said she believes that social media makes conversations more personal.

"It has helped us become part of local communities," she said. "We are more connected at that personal level."

Dawn Wall, technology coordinator at Career and Employment Services, warned students that while connectivity can be great, it also has a down side.

"Students need to be concerned about what their digital identity looks like to other people," she said. "Social media is being used broadly by employers for screening candidates."

"We're not going to stop it, so we need to embrace it and learn how to use it."

Jeff Morris
vice president for communication and marketing

Wall cautioned that students are not concerned by their "digital identity" until it's too late. The CES office is working to educate students

that while social media is social, it is also used in ways other than they anticipate and to help them understand what they post is not as private as they might think.

"Once you post something online, it's out there for everyone to see," Wall said. "You no longer have control of how that information is used."

Edwards is concerned about privacy when it comes to sharing information through social media.

"Now, not only is my office phone and my email shared, but Facebook is another avenue for more personal information to be shared," she said.

Despite its shortcomings, social media is here to stay, said Morris. He said it is important to be aware of the implications that the widespread use of social media brings.

"We're not going to stop it, so we need to embrace it and learn how to use it," Morris said.

Stars of 'Porgy and Bess' teach theatre class about musical business

Darrington Clark
staff writer

Nichols Hall was host to a night of laughter, music, fun and diversity education on Monday as Broadway stars Joshua Henry and Nikki Renee Daniels visited K-State to teach theatre students about the musical business.

The performers flew into Manhattan to perform "Something Gonna Change" in Nichols Theatre to a crowd of students, professors and theater supporters.

"Something Gonna Change" is a musical variety show performed by Daniels and Henry. The duo performed solos and duets from their current show, as well as previous shows that held special meaning to them. The show included a talkback session that allowed the performers to interact with students.

The two stars are currently featured in the Broadway re-

vival of the opera musical "Porgy and Bess."

Daniels has previously starred in such shows as "Les Miserables," "Aida" and "Anything Goes," and Henry has performed in professional productions such as "The Wiz," and "In The Heights," and earned a Tony nomination for his performance in "The Scottsboro Boys."

The "Something Gonna Change" event was hosted by Ebony Theatre as a Black History Month program.

"This is a huge deal for Ebony Theatre," said Nahshon Ruffin, senior in theatre and Ebony Theatre president. "Ebony Theatre has been trying to get people interested and involved in theatre. This is a great way to do that, as well learn about diversity."

Ruffin said the event was a great opportunity for students of any race, and that the timing of the event was perfect.

"For these stars to come

back during Black History Month is just amazing," Ruffin said. "This event shows where we can go, and that we can be successful black actors, and successful black students."

been in touch since Josh graduated in 2006. Nahshon came to me asking if I knew anyone who could come in and be a speaker for Black History Month, and I certainly did."

It's good for our students to see these examples and see what it takes to make it: being a professional and getting your act together early."

Marci Maullar
managing director of theatre and Ebony Theatre adviser

Henry was invited to perform at K-State by Jennifer Vellenga, assistant professor of theatre, dance and communication studies. Henry was a student of Vellenga's in college, and responded to her call for a black history speaker.

"I started talking to Josh in the fall," Vellenga said. "We'd

Ruffin was a major part in organizing the event, with assistance from Vellenga and Marci Maullar, managing director of theatre and Ebony Theatre adviser.

"Nahshon and Ebony Theatre really made this possible," Vellenga said.

Maullar was very excited to

be able to host the event, and was especially appreciative of the talkback session.

"The talkback gave a great deal of information to our students on what it's like to be an actor in New York," Maullar said. "They talked about the limitations and the opportunities available. It's good for our students to see these examples and see what it takes to make it."

After the official performance, Henry and Daniels joined the audience outside of the theater for a reception, where free discussion could be conducted between the actors and the students.

"In New York, I get several opportunities to talk with students," Henry said. "It's really fulfilling, because it's so inspiring and motivating to see people who are just like you. I was given talks and lectures and they taught me to work hard. That's how you make it out here. That's why I speak to students, so I can tell them

that message."

Henry's co-star Daniels had less experience speaking with theatre students, but said she plans to do more in the future.

"Every once in a while I get a chance to talk with kids," Daniels said. "I am beginning to work in a company called Broadway Classrooms. It will be set up much like tonight was, just as a forum where current Broadway actors go into classrooms and talk about what the process is like. I would love to do it more often."

The event was very well-received, and Ebony Theatre was very pleased and impressed with the process as a whole.

"People who missed this are missing out on a message in diversity," Ruffin said. "These people were here to share beautiful music, hard work and stories of making it in the world while fighting stereotypes. I'm so glad we were able to do this."

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